



LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS

 CENTRAL BUSINESS

 SPECIAL CAPITAL

 SPECIAL HISTORIC



Living in a HISTORIC DISTRICT

Frankfort, Kentucky

FAST FACTS

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CAN I MAKE CHANGES TO MY PROPERTY?



All exterior changes to properties located within Frankfort's local historic districts require a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to be issued before work begins.

Planning staff can issue COAs for minor changes. Substantial changes must be reviewed and approved by the Frankfort Architectural Review Board (ARB). The ARB meets on the third Tuesday of each month. If your project requires ARB review, you need to apply four weeks before the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

TELL ME ABOUT THE C.O.A. PROCESS

A COA is not required for maintenance and repair if no replacement materials are necessary. For some work, staff can issue a COA within days of receiving a completed application. All other applications are reviewed by the Frankfort Architectural Review Board (ARB).

All modifications to the exterior of the property and site require a COA. Common exterior renovations include:

- ▶ Signs
- ▶ Decks
- ▶ Fences
- ▶ Masonry
- ▶ Windows
- ▶ Siding
- ▶ Roofing
- ▶ Additions
- ▶ Demolitions
- ▶ New Construction

ARE THERE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES?

The City provides rehabilitation grants for exterior improvements to historic properties.

State and Federal tax credits are also available for properties located within the National Historic Districts.



WHAT IS THE VALUE OF PRESERVATION?

Frankfort's historic districts were not established to prevent change but rather to ensure that future changes to properties are compatible with the historic and architectural character of the district. Preserved structures add character and charm, enhance neighborhood pride, increase property values, and foster a strong cultural identity among generational residents.



HOW DO I KNOW IF MY PROPERTY IS HISTORIC?

Frankfort has three zoning districts that are historic:

- ▶ *CB* - Central Business District
- ▶ *SH* - Special Historic District
- ▶ *SC* - Special Capital District

If your property is zoned as one of these districts it is subject to special design guidelines for exterior work. See the map on the back of this flyer or contact the Office of Planning & Community Development to find out if your property is in a historic district.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

The Office of Planning & Community Development is here to guide you through the COA process or if you would like more information about your historic property. The Kentucky Heritage Council is a great resource that can help you apply for tax credits.

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